CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 1988 AT 9:15 A.M.
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE:

Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), C.L. Bertrand, P. Fazio, G. Johns, M. Kusy, K. Lipke, B. MacKay, C.Y. Suen, M.N.S. Swamy, A.J. Williams, S. Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent with regrets:

M. Szabo

Absent:

J. Boivin

Guests:

J.C. Giguère, R. Prud'Homme

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED & DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

SRC-88-05-05-D45 CONFLICT OF INTEREST GUIDELINES (revised)

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 It was moved and seconded (Johns, MacKay) and unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee meeting of 5 May 1988 be approved.

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## II. CHAIR'S REMARKS

### A. Vice-Rector, Services - J.C. Giguère

2.1 The Chair mentioned that the Vice-Rector, Services would be attending the SRC meeting for discussion of the funding formula for scientific equipment.

### B. Centres of Excellence Announcement

2.1 The Chair stated that an announcement had been made May 25th by The Honorable Robert de Cotret and the Honorable Frank Oberle regarding the $240 million program for the establishment of a national Networks of Centres of Excellence. As well, the formal selection criteria were announced and the Committee to manage the program was appointed.

2.2 The Chair reported that the base budget of NSERC will increase by $103 million over the next five years. There will be $60 million for MRC and $36 million for SSHRC.

### C. Mr. Roch Prud'Homme - Director, UQAM-R&D-CONCORDIA

2.1 The Chair introduced Mr. Prud'Homme, the Director of the newly established UQAM-R&D-CONCORDIA Liaison Office.

2.2 Mr. Prud'Homme discussed the objectives of the Office and informed the Committee that a strategic plan had already been devised.

2.3 In order to make the Concordia community aware of the Liaison Office, an article on Mr. Prud'Homme will appear in an upcoming issue of the Thursday Report. As well, an announcement will be placed in the Gazette and La Presse.

### D. Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

2.1 Ms. Williams announced the results of the SSHRC research grants for 1988-89. Forty-four requests were made and eleven were awarded for a total of $361,189 (a decrease of 35% from last year).

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E. Computer Resources Committee - Five-Year Plan

2.1 The Chair stated that the SRC had provided input to the "Five-Year Strategic Development Plan", but that these comments did not appear to have strongly influenced the final version.

2.2 The Committee agreed to invite Dr. Giguère to the September SRC meeting for discussion of the Five-Year Plan.

F. Membership of Senate Research Committee

2.1 The Chair informed the Committee that as of 31 May, Drs. Albert, Lightbown and Shizgal are on sabbatical leave.

2.2 Dr. R. Pallen will be replacing Dr. Albert as Vice-Dean of Arts & Science.

2.3 Dr. C. Ross, whose tenure as Associate Dean expires as of 31 May, will be replaced by Dr. M. Kusy.

2.4 Dr. Shizgal's position on the Senate Research Committee will be replaced by a member of the Arts & Science faculty. Dr. Lightbown's position, which is one of two providing a "balance" on the SRC, will be filled as soon as Dr. Shizgal's replacement is known.

2.5 The Chair will write memos to Dr. C.L. Bertrand and Mr. J. Noonan regarding this issue in order to bring the Committee together in time for the September meeting.

III. SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH CENTRES

3.1 At the May '88 SRC meeting, it was decided that a list of questions regarding the support and development of Research Centres would be prepared. These would be discussed at a meeting with the Centre Directors.

3.2 The Committee agreed to discuss these questions at the September SRC meeting and follow-up with the Centre Directors meeting.

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IV. CONTRACT OVERHEADS - INCENTIVES & DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES

4.1 The Chair suggested that this item be put forward to a future Agenda since he expects to have some position papers available for discussion.

V. CONFLICT OF INTEREST GUIDELINES

5.1 At the May SRC meeting, the Committee was asked to submit suggestions concerning the above-mentioned document.

5.2 It was suggested that a larger preamble would provide greater understanding of the document. The Chair will draft a revised introduction for circulation to the Committee.

5.3 The Chair stated that if there are no further editing suggestions to be made to the revised introduction, the document will be forwarded to the Vice-Rector, Academic.

VI. CAPITAL FUNDING FOR RESEARCH

6.1 The Vice-Rector, Services mentioned that in order to find ways to distribute the new scientific equipment funds from Québec, a Committee composed of Deans (or their delegates) will meet to develop spending rationale.

6.2 Dr. Giguère noted that 100% of this money will be dedicated to faculties and will not be used for administrative purposes. The Committee was informed that the funds would be available on a yearly basis for the next three years.

6.3 Several aspects of capital priorities for research including new faculty needs and Research Centres were also discussed.

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VII. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 The next meeting of the Senate Research Committee will be held Thursday, 8 September 1988. All subsequent meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Have a wonderful summer!!